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SUBJECT: GREEK AND THRKISH FORCE GOALS

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1. IS DIRECTOR OF FORCE PLANNING (BRABAND) CALLED ON MISSION OFFICERS MARCH 7 TO DISCUSS DRC HANDLING OF GREEK AND TURKISH FORCE PROPOSALS/GOALS. DRC SESSION FOR BOTH COUNTRIES ARE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 26.

2. BRABAND NOTED THAT MC FORCE PROPOSALS ARE FAR BEYOND CAPACITY OF EITHER GREECE OR TURKEY TO IMPLEMENT. HE SAID THAT GREEK DELEGATION HERE APPEARS AMENABLE TO DEVELOPMENT OF SHORTER, MORE REALISTIC LIST OF FORCE GOALS, BUT THAT TURKS TAKE POSITION THAT ALL FORCE PROPOSALS ARE MILITARILY NECESSARY. BOTH COUNTRIES WILL DOUBTLESS USE FORCE PROPOSALS AS FURTHER JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTERNAL AID. BRABAND ASKED FOR EARLY U.S. HELP IN DEVELOPING
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MORE REALISTIC FORCE GOALS FOR GREECE AND TURKEY, AS BASIS FOR COORDINATION BEFORE CRD SESSIONS AMONG IS, U.S., FRG, AND POSSIBLY SHAPE.

3. MISSION OFFICERS REPLIED THAT, AS WE HAD POINTED OUT
IN MARCH 5 DRC MEETING (REF. (B)), WASHINGTON IS CURRENTLY
REVIEWING FORCE PROPOSALS FOR ALL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING
GREECE AND TURKEY, WITH VIEW TO PRODUCING MORE REALISTIC
LISTS. ACTION REQUESTED: US NATO NEEDS WASHINGTON'S ANALYSES OF GREEK
AND TURKISH FORCE PROPOSALS AT LEAST TEN REPEAT TEN DAYS BEFORE
MARCH 26 DRC SESSION SO THAT MISSION CAN ENGAGE IN WORTHWHILE
COORDINATION SUGGESTED BY BRABAND. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE GUIDANCE
CONCERNING U.S. POSTURE ON EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE TO THOSE
COUNTRIES FOR USE IN DRC SESSIONS ON GREECE AND TURKEY.
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